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SUBJECT:KURDISH REFUGEE PROGRAM: AVOIDING UREALISTIC
EXPECTATIONS SUMMARY: IN ORDER TO AVOID UNREALISTIC
EXPECTATIONS ABOUT LIFE IN THE U.S., IT IS IMPORTANT FOR
ANY OFFICIAL WHO INTERVIEWS THE KURDISH REFUGEES TO STRESS
THAT THEY ARE WELCOME HERE AND ARE BEING GIVEN AN
OPPORTUNITY TO START NEW LIVES IN THE US, BUT THAT THERE
ARE NO SPECIAL PROGRAMS OR BENEFITS FOR THEM. THE VOLUNTARY
AGENCIES WILL ASSIST THEM IN THE BEGINNING TO FIND HOUSING
AND EMPLOYMENTBUTTHE REFUGEES THEMSELVES MUST BE PREPARED
TO WORK AND FINDTHEIR OWN WAY. THE ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF
THEIR RESETTLEMENT RESTS WITH THEM INDIVIDUALLY.
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WE HAVE SHARED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THE
VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND WITH THE KURDISH LEADERSHIP HERE AND
IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO EMPHASIZE THE POINTS MADE WITH THE
KURDISH LEADERSHIP IN IRANS.

1. UPON ARRIVAL IN THE U.S. THE VOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT
AGENCY WILL PROVIDE A TEMPORARY PLACE TO LIVE, OTHER

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ESSENTIALS AND ASSISTANCE IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT.

2. THE REFUGEES WILL HAVE TO BE PREPARED INITIALLY TO ACCEPT WHATEVER EMPLOYMENT CAN BE FOUND. JOBS ARE DIFFICULT FOR AMERICANS TO FIND AND THE FIRST JOB MOST LIKELY WILL NOT BE ON THE LEVEL WITH THE APPLICANT'S PAST EXPERIENCE OR EXPECTATION.

3. THERE ARE NO SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE SPECIFICALLY FOR KURDISH REFUGEE STUDENTS IN THE U.S. FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO EARN ENOUGH MONEY FOR TUITION AS MANY AMERICAN STUDENTS MUST DO. COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LEVEL EDUCATION IS NOT FREE IN THE U.S.

4. THERE IS NOT A SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR THE KURDS.

COMMENT: ON THE POSITIVE SIDE THE REFUGEES CAN TAKE HEART FROM THE SUCCESSFUL RESETTLEMENT OF KURDS WHO CAME HERE LAST YEAR. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THEY ARE WORKING, STUDYING AND TAKING PART IN AMERICAN LIFE. VANCE

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